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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EDITING

PERFORMANCE DATA WITH

MODIFICATIONS OF ICONS OF MUSICAL

SYMBOLS

Examiner: T. Zhou

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 18, 2008, for which a response was due on November 18, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 20, 2009 (the next succeeding business day after January 18, 2009).

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.